

I am strongly opposed to exposed wire BPL.

I have the following FCC licenses:

Amateur radio since 1955 (Call: K6FG)

General Radio Telephone (1st phone issued 1961)

Radio Telegraph Second Class (issued 1961)

I have the following university degrees:

BSEE (1964 University of California, Berkeley)

JD (1967 UCLA)

I am an inactive member of the California State Bar and have been on the Los Angeles Superior Court bench since 1986.

I am mindful of the danger to all HF communications that will likely result in metropolitan areas from BPL. Others, however, have addressed that issue quite well.

My opposition is that BPL threatens to destroy HF amateur radio communications. HF communication is crucial to the future of amateur radio.

HF amateur radio communication serves as a major incentive to the youth of this country to focus on education and scientific academic studies. I have been able to stimulate interest in ham radio among many junior and senior high school students by exposing them to casual and exciting international contacts. How many of those students have grown to become valuable and contributing members of our society and of our country's leadership? What percentage of those students would have been diverted away from academics if ham radio had been crippled by BPL?

We simply cannot afford to eliminate the valuable amateur radio opportunity for our youth. Our country cannot afford to squander this valuable resource.

Thank you.